CROSSING OF PROVERBS.

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To the Reader.

MEeting with many Croſſes in the world, among them all I found ſome in books, as Croſſing of Proverbs, Croſſe anſwers and ſuch other like Croſſe humours, as I haue collected out of Croſſe Authors, which I haue here put together in this little booke, in which, if you find any thing croſſe to your liking, croſſe it out: and if there bee any thing that is better worth then nothing, be not croſſe to patience to eſteeme of a little, though

but a little: ſo loth to croſſe mine owne Reaſon, with too much perſſwaſion of your too kinde, either diſpoſition or diſcretion, I reſt as I finde cauſe.

Your well-wiſher,

B, N.

CROS.

CROSSE & PILE

OR

Crossing of Prouerbs

Prouerbs.

THe more, the merrier

Cross.

Not so, one hand is enough in a purse.

P. Euery man loues himselfe best.

Cros. Not so, when man is vndone by Surety-ship.

Prou. Hee that runnes fastest, gets most ground.

C. Not so, for then Footemen would haue more land then their Masters.

Pro. He runnes far that neuer turnes.
Cros. Not so: he may breake his necke in a short course.
P. No man can call againe yesterday.
C. Yes, hee may call till his heart ake, though it neuer come.
P. Had I wist was a foole.
C. No, he was a foole that said so.
P. He that goes softly goes safely.
C. Not among Thieues.
Prou. Nothing hurts the stomake more then surfeiting
Cross. Yes, lacke of meat.
Pro. Nothing hard to a willing mind.
Cros. Yes, to get money.
Pro. Women are necessary euills.
Cros. Not so, for no euill is necessary.
Pro. A faire woman is a pearle in a blacke mans eye.
Cros. Not so, for then shee would put it out.
Pro. The nearer the bone, the sweeter the flesh.
C. Not, when it hath taken wind.
P. None so blind as they that will not see.

C.

C. Yes, they that cannot ſee.
P. The deeper the ſweeter:
C. Not in a foule hole.
P. To day for me, to morrow for thee.
C. Not ſo, wee may both be fox't together.
P. A Cruſt is better then no bread.
C. Not for the gummes that haue no teeth.
P. A Woman is the weaker veſſell.
C. Not when a Curſt Wife beates her husband.
P. Salt ſauers euery thing.
C. Not a ſir-reuerence.
P. Labour in vaine is loſſe of time
C. Not where endeauours are wel accepted.
P. No man ſo wiſe but may bee deceiued.
C. Not ſo, for hee is not wiſe when he is deceiued.
P. There is no ſuch griefe as ingratitude.
C. Yes, Lacke of money.
P. Faire water makes all cleane.

Cros. No, not a foule minde.
Prou. It is in vaine to striue a gainst the streame.
Cros. Not if the winde be with them.
P. The Sunne giues comfort to all creatures.
Cros. No not to an Owle, for she connot endure the light.
Pro. Ther is no Creature so like a man as an Ape.
Cros. Yes a woman.
Pro. Soft fier makes sweet malt.
Cros. Not if the Barley be musty.
Pro Lawe is the scourge of sinne.
Cros. Not till it be executed.
Pro. A man may see day at a little hole.
Cros. Not so, he may be blind, and then he cannot see.
Pro. Patience is a plaster for al sores.
Cros. Not if it be forced.
Pro. He that trauels far knowes much.
Cros. Not if he be a foole.
Pro. Nothing but is good for something,
Cros. Not so, nothing is not good for any thing.

P. Couetuouſneſſe is the roote of all euill.
C. No, not of Gluttony in a Miſer.
P. Euery thing hath an end.
Croſ. Not ſo, a Ring hath none, for it is round.
P. Mony is a great comfort.
Croſ. Not when it brings a Thiefe to the gallowes.
P. The world is a long iourney.
Croſ. Not ſo, the Sunne goes it euery day.
P. It is a great way to the bottome of the Sea.
C. Not ſo, it is but a ſtones caſt.
P. Hee playes well that winnes.
C. Not, if hee loſe his time for trifles.
P. Birds of a feather will flye together.
C. Not if their wings be clipt.
P. Change of paſture makes fat Calues.
C. Not if the ground be barraine.
P. As the tree is, ſo is the fruit.
C. Not ſo, when a Pippin is graft vpon a Crabbe.
P. A ragged Coult may proue a good Horſe.

C. Not

C. Not except he be wel managed.
P Farre fetcht and deare bought is good for Ladies.
C. Not if the ware bee nought, when it comes home.
P. When the Cat is away, the Mouse may play.
C. Not if the Wezill be neere.
P. Hunger is the best sauce.
C. Not without meat.
P. Blacke will take no other hue.
C. Yes, when a foule slut is painted faire.
P. Honesty is ill for thriuing.
C. Not amongst honest men.
P. Time is precious to an vnderstanding spirit.
C. Not to a theefe when hee is going to hanging.
P. He is not wise that is not wise to himselfe.
C. Yes, when he can giue better counsell then he can take.
P. After a storme comes faire weather.
C. Not when a boy is whipt for pissing in his bed.

P. Na-

Croſſing of Prouerbs.

P. Nature is no Botcher.
C. Yes, when ſhe couers young fleſh with an old skin.
P. No ſuch loſſe as the loſſe of a friend.
C. Yes, the loſſe of life.
P. A friend is beſt found in aduerſity.
C. Not ſo, for then there is none to bee found.
P. Thopride of the rich makes the labours of the poore.
C. No, the labours of the poore make the pride of the rich.
P. No greater ſhame to a man, then to bee a Cuckolde.
C. Yes, to be a Wittoll.
P. True loue is the ioy of life.
C. Not without mony to maintaine it.
P. Will is the cauſe of woe.
C. No it is the lack of wit to guide it.
P. A faire wife is a comfortable Creature.
C. Not if ſhe be not conſtant.
P. Valour is the noblenes of the minde.
C. Not except it be guided by reaſon.
P. There is no lack, to the lack of mony.

C. Yes

C. Yes lacke of grace.

P. High flying Hauks are fitteſt for Princes:

C. Not except they will come downe to the Lure.

P. He that will borrow muſt pay.

C. Not if he haue it not.

P. Delayes are the death of Sutors.

C. Not ſo for then Lawyers ſhould haue no Clients.

P. Wealth makes the worſhip of the world.

Croſ. Not ſo, for then euery Iacke would bee a Gentleman.

P. He is wiſe that is honeſt.

C. Not, if he cannot doe withall.

P. Vertue is a Iuell of great price.

C. Not ſo, for then the poore could not come by it.

P. Dicing, drabbing, and drinking, are the three Ds. to deſtruction.

C. Not ſo, it is the fourth D. the Diuell, that leades men to it.

P. Sweet is the fruit of labour.

C. Not except God bleſſe the buſineſſe

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